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Former Speedway Fire Chief pleads guilty to theft of town funds

Mark Watson to pay full restitution of more than \$58,000 to Speedway

(Indianapolis, Ind.) - Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that former Speedway Fire Chief Mark Watson pleaded guilty to the theft of \$58,093 from the Town of Speedway. Watson pleaded guilty today to Theft (Class D Felony) and Official Misconduct (Class D Felony). In accordance with the plea agreement filed earlier this month, Watson has paid the full amount in restitution to the Town of Speedway. He has also agreed to pay restitution to the State Board of Accounts for the costs associated with an audit conducted by the agency. Watson received a sentence of 730 days and was ordered to serve 728 days on probation.

Watson was the town's fire chief from June 2010 until his resignation on October 27, 2014. The charges are a result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police, Indiana State Board of Accounts and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office.